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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Unity of Invention Rejection dated August 6, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

Unity of Invention

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.499, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits: